

parently oppose missions may not be opposed to them, yet if their methods would have been followed, we today would have no general mission fund and probably never have any foreign missions in the field.

Missionary history proves beyond all doubt that it is not a matter of ability that we have no missionaries in the field, but a matter of consecration, acquaintance with missionary history and will. If we had the missionary spirit that missionary churches have, we could have a score of missionaries in the foreign field as easily as for a man to eat when he is hungry.

The Tailor China Island Mission has over 1400 missionaries in the field, all sustained in answer to prayer without begging any money. It is not very many years old either.

The Christian Missionary Alliance, not yet a dozen years old, has four hundred in the field and they have been wonderfully sustained and their number has been increasing every year. Their yearly reports show that their wants have been met and additional sums of money raised to send out more. Regardless of false reports of newspapers, they never were in as flourishing condition as at the present time.

I want to say right here for the benefit of those who are so afraid that we are prejudiced in favor of the Christian Alliance and others who believe that we are a member of the Christian Alliance, they need not be scared, brethren. I have never been a member, and never expect to be (tho I could be a member and be just as faithful to the Brethren church as I am), but I have always upheld them just so far as they follow Christ and no farther. It was thru them that I received the first teaching concerning the higher life. I thought they were fanatical and I expected to fight them. I read the Bible carefully thru, rather prejudiced against the subject. I was amazed at the teaching of both Testaments concerning the Holy Spirit. Later I came in contact with A. J. Gordan's Ministry of the Spirit. I saw at once there were no people on the earth that ought to put more stress upon the higher life than we. I saw that we had an Apostolic ordinance symbolizing the acceptance of the Holy Spirit after regeneration as a separate blessing from regeneration. Then I thought of a thousand people upon whom I had laid hands and to whom I had never explained sufficiently for them to receive the Spirit by faith as a second work of grace. I saw at once that I had not before understood it. I had been obeying the form but denying the power. I became more and more miserable for two years. Kept all buried in my heart. After continual searching and prayer I decided I must accept or quit preaching. Satan tried to make me believe I could never stand the persecution, that I would be asked to resign my charge, that in renouncing my former views they would say you was a hypocrite, that you could never bring about the needed reforms against worldly entertainments, lude characters in choir, etc.

But after counting the cost I went to the

room of secret prayer and never before did I talk with God as upon that occasion. I burnt every bridge behind me as far as I knew. And on naked faith I accepted the indwelling Christ. Then I found it was the easiest matter in the world to renounce my former views. The consequences gave me no concern. My old time fight I now actually hated. The rest, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit I would not exchange for all the world. Since that time I have preached almost thru the Bible on the subject of the Holy Spirit, also on the subject of sanctification. These subjects become more and more precious to me. All kinds of false charges have been waged against me since. I praise God for them all. You haven't got any religion, much less sanctification. "When I see a person live it once and not talk about it so much then I will believe." "Its all fanaticism, its only a Methodist craze," etc. How the Lord keeps me from slapping back and from getting angry, and how in my own heart he keeps me from feeling ill towards them is a great mystery to me. But it is just like Him. He loves exceedingly above our asking or thinking. Yet when I see his life and how little I have let him live his own life in me even since I have accepted the Holy Ghost, I am ashamed of myself.

I know I make mistakes, and sometimes don't let the Lord have his way as he wills, but I am so glad that it is possible to live a life void of offense to God and man. So I shall ever feel grateful to the Christian Alliance for arousing enough interest in me to prepare to fight this higher life (?) delusion, thus driving me to the Bible until the Lord showed to me this grand mystery that was hidden from the creation until Pentecost.

I believe in the form of the Gospel with all my heart. I am sorry the Alliance hasn't that, if they had, with the power they already have, they would shake the earth. I am equally sorry that we haven't the power as we have the form, if we had, in a few years Brethren missionaries would belt the globe.

Brethren, don't be afraid to accept the truth wherever you find it. We can learn some good lessons from the Methodist church. Oh, the warmth, devotion and prayer among some of their faithful ones. How much better for us if we would imitate them.

So we could learn lessons from many others. Let us be true to the word and the church, but we don't have to fight the good in others to succeed.

We will begin tent meetings here Saturday night and will continue them for five weeks. Will close just before National Conference. Pray for us.

I. D. BOWMAN.

Blanco, Pa.

The communion meetings at the Cherry-hill and Cowenshannoc churches are among the things of the past; but may their pleasant associations, realization of Christian fellowship and enjoyment of the "Grace of God," thru the means afforded, never be forgotten. May those seasons and means of

grace be as way-marks toward the celestial city where in the church triumphant all God's children shall enjoy all that is symbolized and typified by them, in their observance in the church militant.

Two were added in the Cherry Hill congregation. May the Lord bless his people abundantly and may his kingdom be advanced until all the ends of the earth shall have learned to know the Lord.

J. B. WAMPLER.

#### Indiana and Michigan Items

My work is considerably scattered but yet have the pleasure to report progress. At our last quarterly meeting at Campbell all business was done harmoniously.

Being so far away I urged that a committee be appointed to see who can be procured as pastor for the coming year. Anyone desiring to locate in one of the best parts of Michigan and take church work one half of his time might be helped by writing me, and thus be placed in correspondence with the authorized committee.

July 4th, I baptized a young man at Brighton, Ind., and while there met a number of friends of yore.

Sunday, the 16th was my regular appointment at New Troy, Michigan. This being an old field of Brother Haskins, I found him here renewing old acquaintanceship, also had the favor of having him preach on Saturday and Sunday evenings to the satisfaction and benefit of all. Will say to our brother come again. Sunday evening we received three persons into the church here. Two by baptism, one by relation. Thus the good work goes on and we believe many more are near the kingdom.

There seems to be a bright future before this church. May we as a church do the Master's will.

WM. H. MILLER.

North Manchester, Ind., July 19, '99.

#### Gleanings from the Wayside

The work moves on with now and then an objector to the method of carrying on the work. In EVANGELIST No. 25, I am sorry that a brother's heart is pained to the extent that he cannot keep still, simply because I made use of this language by way of asking a question. "Why be so enthusiastic over foreign missions when we cannot supply the demand at home?"

Now dear brethren, do not mark me down as being opposed to foreign missions. When we as a church get to the point that we can, I say AMEN. I saw the Brethren CHURCH wrapped in its swaddling clothes. I know something of her privations and oppositions thru which she has come VICTORIOUS, GOD BLESS HER. She has done nobly. Cast out in her infancy, without house or shelter, while the wintry blasts of satanic power beat hard against her bulwarks, yet thru it all she is coming up, up to the point where by and by we can say to some of our good brethren, go tell the heathen that Jesus died for all mankind. We will not only tell them to go, but we will provide the wherewith to go.